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Klamath National Forest Raises Awareness of Human-Caused Wildfires

Yreka, CA- June 30, 2014, marks the first anniversary of the 2013 Yarnell Hill fire incident in Arizona where 19 members of the Granite Mountain Interagency Hotshot Crew, lost their lives in the line of duty. Wildfires know no boundaries. Local, state, tribal, and Federal agencies support one another in wildfire response, planning, and decision making.

Earlier this month the Klamath, Six Rivers and Shasta-Trinity National Forests entered [fire restrictions](#). All three Forests have closed their Wilderness Areas to campfires.

"Due to the extreme drought and fire danger that the Klamath National Forest is experiencing, areas above 5,000 feet in elevation and the wilderness have been included in this year's fire restrictions. Although in previous years we have excluded wilderness areas from these restrictions, the lack of snowpack and early season snow melt has made us take a pro-active approach to decreasing the possibility of an unwanted fire," said Forest Supervisor Patricia Grantham.

In the coming weeks, Klamath National Forest Staff will be promoting the [One Less Spark, One Less Wildfire](#) campaign to:

- Inform residents, visitors, local officials and fire departments of above average wildfire danger due to the current weather conditions.
- Increase public awareness of human-caused fires with the intent to encourage individuals to take an active role in reducing the occurrence of human-caused wildfires.

"It is imperative that we do what we can to raise public awareness of these unprecedented conditions and prevent any human-caused spark from igniting a wildfire this summer" said Forest Supervisor Patty Grantham. "There is zero risk to homes, firefighters, citizens, natural resources and communities, from the fire that never starts."

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